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TO PARTIES OF RECORD IN INVESTIGATION 23-03-008:

This is the proposed decision of Commissioner Karen Douglas. Until and unless the Commission hears the item and votes to approve it, the proposed decision has no legal effect. This item may be heard, at the earliest, at the Commission's June 8, 2023 Business Meeting. To confirm when the item will be heard, please see the Business Meeting agenda, which is posted on the Commission's website 10 days before each Business Meeting.

Parties of record may file comments on the proposed decision as provided in Rule 14.3 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

/s/ MICHELLE COOKE

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Acting Chief Administrative Law Judge

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Attachment

Decision **PROPOSED DECISION OF COMMISSIONER KAREN DOUGLAS**
Mailed on (4/21/2023)

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Investigation on the
Commission's Own Motion into
Natural Gas Prices During Winter
2022-2023 and Resulting Impacts to
Energy Markets.

Investigation 23-03-008

**DECISION MODIFYING THE ORDER INSTITUTING INVESTIGATION
23-03-008 TO EXPAND AND MODIFY THE LISTING OF RESPONDENTS****Summary**

This decision modifies the Order Instituting Investigation 23-03-008 to provide for an expanded and modified listing of respondents.

1. Background

The Commission issued Investigation (I.) 23-03-008, the Order Instituting Investigation on the Commission's Own Motion into Natural Gas Prices During Winter 2022-2023 and Resulting Impacts to Energy Markets, on March 20, 2023.

The following entities were named as respondents to this investigation.

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas), San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E), Southwest Gas, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), Alpine Valley, Bear Valley Storage, West Coast Gas, Southern California Edison Company (SCE), Central Valley Storage, Wild Goose Gas Storage, and Lodi Gas

Storage (LGS), are named as Respondents to this Order Instituting Investigation.¹

2. Listing of Respondents

The Commission has been made aware that there are additional entities that should be named as respondents to this investigation. Further, a limited set of the respondents' business names requires corrections.

For this reason, I.23-03-008 is modified to add, modify or otherwise clarify that Bear Valley Electric Services Inc., Alpine Natural Gas Operating Company, Gill Ranch Gas Storage, Liberty Utilities, and PacifiCorp should be named as respondents to this proceeding.

Accordingly, the updated listing of respondents for this proceeding are SoCalGas, SDG&E, Southwest Gas Corporation, PG&E, SCE, Alpine Natural Gas Operating Company, Bear Valley Electric Services Inc., West Coast Gas, Central Valley Gas Storage, Wild Goose Gas Storage, LGS, Gill Ranch Gas Storage, Liberty Utilities, and PacifiCorp.

3. Comments Responding to the Order Instituting the Investigation

Only the respondents that have been newly named or whose entity name has been modified by this decision should be afforded an additional opportunity to file and serve comments to I.23-03-008. For this reason, Bear Valley Electric Services Inc., Alpine Natural Gas Operating Company, Gill Ranch Gas Storage, Liberty Utilities, and PacifiCorp shall file and serve comments responding to I.23-03-008 within 15 days from the issuance of this decision. No other respondent is eligible for this time extension.

¹ OII 23-03-008 at Ordering Paragraph 6.

4. Conclusion

This decision adds, modifies or otherwise clarifies that Bear Valley Electric Services Inc., Alpine Natural Gas Operating Company, Gill Ranch Gas Storage, Liberty Utilities, and PacifiCorp are identified as additional respondents to this investigation and directs these entities to file and serve comments on the issues identified in I.23-03-008.

5. Comments on Proposed Decision

The proposed decision of Commissioner Karen Douglas in this matter was mailed to the parties in accordance with Section 311 of the Public Utilities Code and comments were allowed under Rule 14.3 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. Comments were filed on _____, and reply comments were filed on _____ by _____.)

6. Assignment of Proceeding

Karen Douglas is the assigned Commissioner and Brian Stevens is the assigned Administrative Law Judge in this proceeding.

Findings of Fact

1. The Commission issued I.23-03-008, on March 20, 2023.
2. It is necessary for the following entities to be named as respondents to this investigation, SoCalGas, SDG&E, Southwest Gas Corporation, PG&E, SCE, Alpine Natural Gas Operating Company, Bear Valley Electric Services Inc., West Coast Gas, Central Valley Gas Storage, Wild Goose Gas Storage, LGS, Gill Ranch Gas Storage, Liberty Utilities, and PacifiCorp.
3. Bear Valley Electric Services Inc., Alpine Natural Gas Operating Company, Gill Ranch Gas Storage, Liberty Utilities, and PacifiCorp are the entities whose names are either modified or added to the listing of respondents from I.23-03-008.

Conclusions of Law

1. We should name SoCalGas, SDG&E, Southwest Gas Corporation, PG&E, SCE, Alpine Natural Gas Operating Company, Bear Valley Electric Services Inc., West Coast Gas, Central Valley Gas Storage, Wild Goose Gas Storage, LGS, Gill Ranch Gas Storage, Liberty Utilities, and PacifiCorp as respondents to this proceeding.

2. Only Bear Valley Electric Services Inc., Alpine Natural Gas Operating Company, Gill Ranch Gas Storage, Liberty Utilities, and PacifiCorp should be directed to file and serve comments on I.23-03-008 within 15 days of the issuance of this decision.

3. This proceeding should remain open.

O R D E R**IT IS ORDERED** that:

1. Order Instituting Investigation 23-03-008 is modified to name the following entities as respondents to this Investigation: Southern California Gas Company, San Diego Gas & Electric Company, Southwest Gas Corporation, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Southern California Edison Company, Alpine Natural Gas Operating Company, Bear Valley Electric Services Inc., West Coast Gas, Central Valley Gas Storage, Wild Goose Gas Storage, Lodi Gas Storage, Gill Ranch Gas Storage, Liberty Utilities, and PacifiCorp.

2. Bear Valley Electric Services Inc., Alpine Natural Gas Operating Company, Gill Ranch Gas Storage, Liberty Utilities, and PacifiCorp shall file and serve comments on the Order Instituting this Investigation within 15 days of the issuance of this Order. No other respondent is eligible for this extension.

3. Investigation 23-03-008 remains open.

This order is effective today.

Dated _____, at San Francisco, California.